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Mr. Bruce William Hall



Dear Mr. Hall:

This is in response to your letter of 25 September 1975. Just let me say that I have not been able to locate any corroborating information on the "Zinoviev letter." I should add that I have not done too much research on this matter because of the lack of time. Secondly, please be advised the U.S. Secretary of Defense's positive statement this year contains a good wrap-up of the military forces of the USSR and the People's Republic of China. Also, CIA Director's testimony before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress contains a rundown of the relative strengths of the two countries. The latter will be going to the printers very soon and both will be available at the Government Printing Office. If you have any trouble getting these reports, please let me know.

Thank you for your nice words on my presentation to the Congressional interns.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Cary:

I want to thank you for sending me the list I requested. I would have have written sooner but I waited until I could obtain a return address at LSU. I found the list very interesting and the accompanying summaries very helpful, especially the summary of Smith's book on the OSS as I had just finished it a couple of hours before your letter arrived.

I am primarily interested in collecting information on the use of clandestine operations by other nations in peacetime. In this connection I ~~appreciate~~ would appreciate it if you could direct me to a corroborating source on a historical incident that I ran accross in a book on British espianoge agent Sidney Reilly by R. B. Lockhart. The incidident was known as the % "Zinoviev letter", and allegedly had a dramatic effect on the British elections (1924).

I was also wondering if you could give me an unclassified or rounded figure estimate on the military effort (annual) the Peoples Republic of China maintains against the Soviet Union in terms of personnel, material, GNP, etc. I am taking the liberty you extended me to ask these questions but I also understand that the Agency has more important things to do (or at least I hope it does!) than to answer inquiries from prying college students.

I would appreciate it very much if you can assist me in the two areas I asked about which are not presently an urgent matter.

Sincerely,

*William Hall*  
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P.S. I also want to commend you on your presentation to the congressional interns and your forthright defense to an overwhelming hostile crowd.

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